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As part of his on-going efforts to combat illegal immigration, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) helped to pass legislation Tuesday that will deploy 1,000 additional Border Patrol agents along America's Southwest Border.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Border Security Act (H.R. 6080) passed the House Tuesday and must still pass the Senate before it can be signed into law. This legislation is fully paid for and will not add one penny to the federal deficit.

"If we truly want to stop illegal immigrants from coming into our country, then we have to do a better job of securing America's borders," said Altmire. "This bill will improve our man power along the border and provide Border Patrol agents with the equipment that they need to find and stop would-be illegal immigrants."

With this legislation, the government would also be able to hire 250 additional Customs and Border Protection officers, improve surveillance technology along the border, and strengthen efforts to combat drug trafficking and drug-related violence.

Today marks the third time in the past five weeks that Congressman Altmire has helped to advance efforts to improve security along U.S./Mexico border.

Congressman Altmire is in his second term with the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represents a large part of western PA, including Lawrence and Beaver counties.